





THE  
PEARL  
OF  
Great Price;

O R, *Russell* *Wadhurst*  
A Pilgrim, who, in his Pilgrimage to the New *Hirusalem*, found a lump of Clay in the Dunghil of *Mammon*, afterwards a Pibble in the Field of *Morality*; and at last the Pearl, at his entrance in at the straight Gate. And many other things worthy of Note.

By Robert Russel in *Sussex*.

Mat. 13. 44, 45, 46. *The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and sellth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like unto a Merchant man, seeking goodly Pearls. Who when he had found one Pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.*

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To the Reader.

Christian Reader,

**A**ccording as this Book is accepted of,  
I intend, through GOD's help,  
add a Second Part concerning the Pearl  
of Great Price. In the mean time, I re-  
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Your kind Friend,

Robert Russel.





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**A**S I passed thro' the Wilderness of this World, I found that in my passage I wanted something to yield me real content, and satisfaction: Now, to obtain that which I so much desired, my fanſie work'd on many things; and I used much diligence what course I might take, to find out that which might yield me true and lasting happiness. And not considering that man's nature, being corrupted by the fall of our first Parents, naturally loves and delights in things that are carnalish, and pleases the sense, rather than things that are Spiritual and Heavenly: Therefore being void of understanding, I went the wrong way to work to accomplish my desires.

For (First) I took a turn into a field, called, *Worldly Mindedness*; now walking about awhile in this field, I came to a Dunghil, called, *Mammon*; then immediately I, very diligently, went to digging and raking in that Dunghil, to see if I could find that which might yield me true and lasting happiness. Now my head was so fill'd with care, and my mind with trouble, in using so many Projects, that I arose early, and sat up late, and broke my rest, and could never rest my self

contented and satisfied, until I had found that which might make me truly & lastingly happy. Therefore I continued labouring in this earthly mire, digging and raking in this Dunghil, until at last, as Providence was pleased to order it, it was my fortune to find a little stone, as I thought, that was of a very lovely and beautiful colour, and as to outward sense, more clear than gold: And so, without due consideration what this stone might be, I prized it highly, & took it to be a precious Pearl, now I began for the present to be a little more satisfied in my mind, for I thought I had now found that which would yield me true and lasting happiness; and more especially when I found something of the effects of it.

In the first place, by vertue of this Pearl I had gotten me House and Land, Sheep and Oxen, and all manner of Goods that might furnish it. And now methoughts I began to live a very pleasant and joyful life, also I began to think my self true and lastingly happy, it was now I thought my self above the fear of any want, or any kind of misfortune.

Then by the vertue of this stone, or Pearl, I was carried into the Town of *Sensuality*, where I lived after a most Luxurious rate, there I wanted nothing, that might serve for the pampering of the Flesh; I was continually a stuffing my guts with all sorts of rich Varieties of Roast,

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and sod, stew'd and bak'd; with all sorts of flesh, fish and fowls that could be had, with Plumbs, Sugar, and all sorts of rich Spices, until I grew to be so dainty, that I knew not what to eat, whilst a poor labouring man receives sweet comfort and satisfaction in a piece of brown bread and cheese, and takes sweet and comfortable rest, tho' upon a hard Bed; but as for me, by reason of this stone, my flesh was so pampered, that my white Bread could not be made fine enough for me; I must be finding fault with the Cook, because my Meat was not well enough drest, and that it was not made sweet enough, and nothing was good enough for me.

Then this stone drew me into the town of *Drunkennes*, where I led a most filthy kind of life, there I had Beer, Wine, Sider, Brandy, Claret, and all sorts of liquor that my curious pallet could be pleased with, there drinking, singing and roaring, and spewing, was my chief kind of life. I arose early to follow strong drink, & continued while night, until Wine inflamed me, so that I could rest my self contented no where, but either in the Ale-house, or at some drinking, or dancing bout, where I might be among my merry companions, singing and ranting until I could scarce go nor stand; and sometimes it may be when it is late in the night, I come home as drunk as a dog, quarreling and fighting with my Wife and Children, tho' they

gave me not the least offence.

Then by reason of my riotous and swinish living, I was carryed into the City of *Last*, where was immediately presented to my view several fine and Beautiful Ladys, which provoked me to *Luxury* and *Wanornesse*, so that I wallowed in all manner of filth and uncleanness. Then by vertue of this Stone or Pearl I was carried up to the top of an high Hill, call'd *Pride* and *Prodigality*. Now on the top of this Hill was a Fair continually kept, where was sold all sorts of dresse for the head, and all sorts of rich Attire of all fashions both old and new. Now hear I could furnish my self with rich Garments and fine Linnen, with Silks and Sattins, with Lace & Ribbon; and any thing that could please my fanſie; and being of the female kind, I spent two or three hours every morning a decking and trimming of my vile carcass with all sorts of lace, ribbon, and the like, and sometimes provided a dresse for my head, which is now in fashion, which is commonly called a *Commode*, or *Top-knot*, now in putting on of this *Top-knot* dresse, I were very diligent in beholding my self in the glaſs, and was exceeding true in putting of it on, & spent much time to make it sit to please my fanſie; and when it was on, then I was puffed up with *pride*, and then I thought my self something. But yet here was that which yielded some trouble to my mind, for in going out of the doors, my *topknot* was

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was so high, that I was faine to stoop very low, before I could get my head out, for my *Commode* was near half a yard in height; & the people tho' they did not dare say any thing to me in my presence yet they laught at me behind my back, and called it *A scare Crow*, or *That I went about with a thing on the top of my head to scare away the crows*; and indeed it is (as I afterward found) the ugliest dress that ever was invented; and the poorest and meaner sort of people in their common homely dress, seemed to be adorned with far more neatness and comeliness than my self. Then at other times to mend the matter, I took a great pride to go with my head bare, only my hair knit behind with a knot of ribbons, tho' contrary to the command of the Apostle, that *Womens heads ought to be covered*, and then I must paint my face with black Patches, which I call *Beauty spots*; (but to tell you the Truth, they are not *Beauty spots*, but *Deformed spots*) and so not being contented with that beauty and comeliness which God has adorned me, I must go to correct the workmanship of God's hands, and whilst I think to make my self more comely and Beautiful, I quite deface that Beauty & comeliness which God had adorned me with, and so make my self more ugly and deformed, than ever I were before and then I must go with a long neck, and naked from my head down below my shoulders: Thus going with my head bare, with

my face spotted with black Patches, with a long stretched out neck, and with naked breasts and shoulders; so that I appeared more like unto one that is made by the devil then like the workmanship of God's hands, so that I almost fright people to look upon me, and my Daughters I must dress up like my self; whereas the Children of poor People, that have nothing but their own labour to live upon, their children being drest up in their plain homely dress, they appeared ten times more comely and Beautiful to behold. These Pranks I played, being a female; then being of the male kind, I became as vain as the others, for I went with powder'd hair, with long Perriwigs, and likewise with Purple and fine Linnen, *Luke 16.*

Then by the vertue of this stone, I was carried up to another high Hill, called the Hill of *Vain glory*, and there I became so proud, and so stout, that I must not be spoke to by the meaner sort of People; I then became so high, that none must come in my presence, but they must stand with hat in hand, and none must dare to speak to me, but they must make Obeisance, and at every word I must be called Master, or Sir, or may it please your Worship, or may it please your Ladyship.

Now after all this, (notwithstanding all my Luxurious, Riotous, and Prodigal life, which I lead by vertue of this stone, or Pearl, which I found



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found in the *Dunghil*, called *Mamon*, in the field of *Worldly Mindfulness*) I have not found *that Pearl Happiness and Satisfaction*, which I expected; for I found a great deal of trouble and vexation of mind; for at sometimes I lost one of my Cattle, or some of my Horses, and this yielded me a great deal of vexation; again at other times I was in danger of losing my whole Estate, so that I was put to great trouble to secure that. Again at other times, sickness and pain seized upon me, and filled me full of misery. So that I could take no comfort or delight in any thing I enjoyed; and besides all this I felt a great tumult in my breast, I found it true as the Prophet saith, *Isa. 58. 22. There is no peace, saith my God unto the Wicked, so that being filled with the terrors and clamours of my own conscience, that the thoughts of death and judgment seemed terrible unto me; and my conscience began to fly in my face, for all my sins and evil practices, and I began to be troubled to think what would become of my poor soul to all Eternity: now the Troubles coming upon me, made me call to mind that which Solomon once told me, Eccles. 2. 11. That all things under the Sun is vanity and vexation of spirit: Therefore finding not that true and lasting happiness by this stone which I expected to find, I therefore took this stone and viewed it well, to see whether it were a true Pearl or only a Counterfeit; thus I viewed it by serious consideration, I mea-*

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Iured it with compass of God's Word, and then  
 went to open it, to see how it was within; and so  
 when I had opened it, I beheld it was nothing else  
 but a lump of clay, a little gilded over, to make  
 it seem beautiful to the eye. Now this put me into  
 a wonder and amazement, to see how I have be-  
 fooled my self, in that I thought I had found such  
 great Treasure in the Dunghil of *Adamon*, a Pearl  
 which would yield me such true and lasting hap-  
 piness. And now I find my self to be as far from  
 true and lasting happiness as ever I were, where-  
 upon I was put into such trouble and perplexity,  
 that I knew not in the world what to do, or what  
 course to take; at last I took up the Bible to read,  
 & fortunately turn'd to those words of our Saviour  
 Christ, *Mat. 13. 25. That the Kingdom of Hea-*  
*ven is like unto a Merchant seeking goodly Pearls,*  
*and when he had found one Pearl of great price, he*  
*went and sold all that he had and bought it.* Now  
 after I had read these words of our Saviour Christ,  
 tho' before I happen'd to find nothing but a  
 Counterfeit, and so were disappointed of true and  
 lasting happiness; yet this encouraged me to try  
 again if possible I might yet find the Pearl of great  
 price, that would yield me true and lasting hap-  
 piness, whereupon I took my spade of Reformati-  
 on, and went and dug in the field of *Morality*,  
 and there found a Stone which I took to be the  
 Pearl of great Price: Now by the vertue of this  
 stone, I reformed many of my sinful courses and  
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took up a form of godliness; I was diligent in hearing the word, and receiving the Sacrament, I prayed night and morning, I fasted often, I gave Alms, and the like, and thought by these to have merited true and lasting happiness, but when I compared this stone with the touchstone of the Gospel, there I found that when I had done all these things, I was but an *unprofitable Servant*, I had done but that which was my duty to do, and so doing of these *Things*, and resting in them, I was as far from *true and lasting Happiness* as I was before, and considering what this stone was, I found it to be nothing but a pebble stone.

Then again I was put to such a stress, that I knew not *what* to do, nor what course to take, then I began to be pricked at the heart, and all my cry was, *What shall I do to be saved?* Now I began to be thoroughly convinced of my sin, and miserable Estate by nature, and that I am undone for ever, if I do not get the *Pearl of great Price*, and that there was no other way for the obtaining of true and lasting happiness, but by the *Pearl of great Price*; and now my head began to work, and my thoughts began to move which way I must go, and what means I must use, and how and where I must seek *that* I may indeed find, the pearl of great price. Now because I have been twice so cheated, I dare not trust my self any longer in seeking, therefore I night and day

day begged of the Lord, I strived and wrestled with him by earnest and fervent prayer, that he would direct me where to seek for the pearl of great price, and that he would help me in the seeking. Now as I was thus striving and wrestling with the Lord by prayer, there appeared to me one whose name was *Evangelist*, and he shewed me the field where this treasure was hid, namely this pearl of great price. The Field where this Treasure was hid, was the Gospel, now he told me, That before this Treasure could be found, there was a pit must be opened, and searched to the bottom: Moreover he told me, That if I were careful and labourous in removing of those Stones and Rocks, which lay at the Mouth of the pit, and to cast out all the filth, and mire which lay at the bottom and were diligent, and persevered in seeking, I should at last find the pearl of great price, whereby I shall attain true and lasting happiness: Now the name of this pit, in which I was to search is my own heart, now as soon as the *Evangelist* had done speaking, I gave him many thanks for his direction.

Then I made no delay, but instantly took my Spade and Mattock, and instruments necessary for the Work, and went to work with all my might.

Now the first difficulty I met with, was, that  
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therelay at the mouth of this pit a great Rock, which must in the first place be removed, and I found it a very tuff work to remove. This Rock was called *Blindness of Mind*; and by reason of this Rock my understanding was darkened thro' the *Ignorance* that was in me, because of the blindness of my heart, and so being past feeling, I gave my self over unto *Laciviousness*, to work all *Uncleanness* with *Greediness*, Eph. 4 18. 19. My mind was so blind, that the Things revealed in the Gospel, was a mystery unto me, I had no true sense of my sins, nor of my miserable condition by Nature, and because I saw no danger, I fear'd none. Now this Rock, as hard as it was to remove, yet labouring in the strength of *Christ*, I removed it, and then all my sins was immediately set before my eyes. Then this Rock being removed, I could see all that odious pollution, all that abomination and uncleanness, all that filth and mire, and puddle of sin which lay in the bottom of my own heart, which I never saw before: Alas, I were amazed to see so much loathsomeness lye there, so that I was so ashamed of my self, that I was afraid to look up to Heaven for Mercy; yea, I abhorred my self as vile as any, more vile than a Toad, or the vilest Creature living; nay I could not count my self bad enough, I thought my self unworthy of the least bit of bread I eat; I thought my self unworthy that the Sun should shine upon me,

me, and *that* the ground was *the* worse for my sake that I *trod* upon. Then I began to be *thoroughly* sensible what a lost and undone condition I was in by Nature, which I was never sensible of before. I now *thought* my self for ever undone, until I had found *the Pearl of great Price*, and I remained restless and unquiet, and was in *continual* fear night and day, lest Death should come upon me before I had gotten an *interest* in this precious Pearl. Now seeing my self in *this* woful condition, it made me *the* more diligent in working in the Pit, called mine own heart.

Now this rock being removed, under *this* rock lay another rock, which was as hard and *difficult* to remove as *the* other; and *that* is unbelief, but getting strength from above, I removed *this* rock also: Then *this* rock being removed, under it lay a great stone, called *Hardness of Heart*, now by reason of this *Stone* of a hard heart, the Mercies of God thro' Jesus Christ could *not* draw me unto Christ, nor yet his Judgments nor *Threatnings* could not terrify me from sin, no, nor no corrections, nor reproofs, nor admonitions could make any impression upon me, but I remained irrecouragable under all methods of grace.

And now knowing *not* how to remove this stone, it being so difficult a work, *notwithstanding* my pulling & tugging at it with all my might and main, then at last I poured out my soul by earnest prayer to the Lord, *that* he would take a-  
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way that *heart* of stone out of my flesh, and give me a *heart* of flesh; then by divine help, I took my Mattock of *Contrition*, & so after many hard and tedious blows, I up with this stone, and then my heart became soft and tender, so that promises and threatenings; mercies and judgments, corrections, reproofs, and admonitions; nay every method of divine grace made impression upon it.

Now having removed this stone called hardness of heart, there are more difficulties behind still, before I could come to cast out that filth and mire that lay in the bottom of my own heart, there were two stumbling Blocks which lay in my way that must first be removed; the first was, *carnal Confidence*, the second was *carnal Presumption*: Now here I was put to a stand, I knew not what to do, for these two stumbling Blocks were laid by 3 enemies, named *World*, *Flesh*, and *Devil*, & these 3 Enemies watch'd these two stumbling Blocks night and day lest any should come and remove them, now by reason of these 3 enemies I was worse put to it than ever I was before, and if I had not been assisted by divine Grace, I had even given over my work; but being assisted by strength from above, I shoulder like put on the whole Armor of God, for considering that I was utterly ruined and undone, if I had not the pearl of great price, and if the worse should happen that I were overcome by these Enemies, I could but perish at last: But if I did not get the Pearl of great price

I was certain that I must unavoidably perish, but having a gracious promise of a measure of Divine strength, to help me in this holy Undertaking; therefore I took courage and put on the Breast-plate of Righteousness, and Helmet of Salvation, and took the weapons of Faith and Prayer, and manfully fought against these enemys, and in the strength of Christ I overcome them, & remov'd out of my way these stumbling blocks, so as before, by reason of these stumbling blocks, I thought my estate safe, tho' never so dangerous, & being convinced of the exceeding great danger that I was in, yet still presumed of a long life here, and that notwithstanding my continuance in my sinful course, yet still I put off and delayed my Repentance from time to time, but now these two stumbling blocks being removed, I was resolved to *delay no longer*, and being roused out of my Carnal Security, I went presently to *Work* again at the bottom of this pit, called mine own heart, where in the first place I saw innumerable multitudes of venomous Toads and Serpents, as sin and lust is compared unto, filthy Lusts are compared unto Toads in respect of their poison, and also to Serpents in respect of their deadly sting: At last, then I took my *Mattock* of bitter Repentance, and dug at the bottom of this Pit, my own heart, and rooted out all these venomous Toads and Serpents, all these ugly Lusts and vile Affections, which so many years has lay harbouring and lurking there, then I took my *Spade* of Mortification, and I

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*off with their members, and so squeezed them to death, I spared none of them, tho' they seemed before never so sweet and dear unto me, I crucified the whole nest of them, and put to death the whole body of sin.*

Then I took my shovel of sanctification, and cast out all that puddle of filth and mire, and pollution, and loathsomeness which has lain so long stinking in the nostrils of God. And Oh! it was a wonder of wonders to see what a deal of filth and mire and natural corruption there lay undiscerned so long at the bottom of this Pit, called my own heart, and had I not been assisted by the help of God's holy Spirit, I should never have been able to have cast it all out. Now having with the shovel of *sanctification* cast out all that filth & mire out of the bottom of my own heart, then I took the Broom of *God's Word*, & swept every creek & corner of this pit, my own heart, very diligently, by self examination, and if it be possible I would not leave the least stain of sinful Lust there, but cleanse it all out. This done then I took the Pail of a *True and Lively Faith* in the promises of the Gospel, and with that I fetch'd water and blood from that Fountain which is opened for sin and uncleanness, even the wounds of my Crucified Saviour, & with that I scower'd and rinsed the bottom of this Pit, my own heart, I washed and rinsed it thro' and thro'.

And this done, then I took my pencil of *Newness of life*, and with that I beautified & adorned my own heart with the Graces of God's holy

Spirit, as Faith, Love, Patience, Self-denial, New Obedience, and the like.

Now after all this was done, then I set watch at the doors of this pit, there being five doors belonging to it, namely, the Door of *Seeing*, of *Hearing*, of *Touching*, of *Tasting*, and of *Smelling*: Now at every one of these doors I set a watch, lest at any time any filth of old Lust should descend, and pollute and defile the Grace of God's spirit, which my own heart and soul was adorned with. I first set a watch before the door of my *Eyes*, lest they should behold any vain or lustful Object, and so my heart and soul be taken therewith and defiled. Then I set a watch before the door of my *Ears*, that they do not hearken to any vain or lustful speech, whereby my heart may be taken with, and so overcome. Then I set a watch before the door of my sense that I might not so much as be tainted with any Temptation to sin, I kept my self as far as I could from the least occasion of Lust, that I do not meddle with, nor touch any forbidden pleasure. Then I set a watch before the door of my *Mouth*, that I sin not with my tongue, nay I watch my very taste, that Lust don't enter in by that, remembering the words of the Apostle, *touch not, taste not, handle not*; I resolve with my self not to taste the sweet Bait, lest I be caught in the hook. Then I set a watch before the door of my *Nose*, lest by the smell of any sensible Object, I should entice Lust into my heart & soul.

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Thus at every one of these doors of my own heart and soul I set a Watch, I kept my self as far as possible from all occasions of Lust. And if at any times unawares, I let any of the filth of Lust enter again into the pit, called my own heart or soul, then as before, I swept it with the Broom of God's word by *Self-examination*, and then with the shovel of *Sanctification*, I cast it out, & then with the pail of *a true and lively faith in God's word*, I fetch'd water and blood from a Fountain that was opened for sin and uncleanness, and then I adorn'd it a new with the graces of God's holy spirit: Now all this being done, then I light a candle with the bright beams of God's holy Spirit, and with that I found the pearl of great price, which alone would yield me True and lasting happiness. Now as soon as I had found the Pearl of great Price, O how did my heart leap for joy! O it's unexpressable, the consolation that I felt in my soul, for my soul was ravished with such abundance of spiritual Joy, that I could scarce feel the ground I went upon, to think that now after all my labour and diligence in seeking, I should at last find the Pearl of great price, which will make me more happy, than if I were to enjoy the whole world *Ten Thousand Years*: Now having viewed this Pearl of great Price, I find it divided as it were into four quarters, or parts: The first, which is the chief part, and contains in it the substance of the whole Pearl, that is precious Jesus. The second is



precious Faith in precious Jesus. Thirdly, precious promises applyed to the soul, by precious Faith in precious Jesus. Fourthly, the precious inheritance, which is the full accomplishment of those precious Promises, applyed to the soul by precious Faith in precious Jesus.

I begin with the first quarter or part of this Pearl, & that which contains in it the substance of the whole Pearl; that is, precious Jesus. Now having found precious Jesus, the Pearl of great price, I embraced Him with the dearest of my affections, my whole heart was set upon him, the time was that that lump of Clay which I found in the Dungeon of *Marion*, was so esteemed by me, and I thought myself so happy by it, that I quite neglected, nay, slighted the Pearl of great price; O but now the Case is alter'd, for now I esteem all the glory, riches, and honour, and pleasure that this world can afford to be but dross and dung in comparison of this Pearl of great price. O this precious Jesus, this sweet Jesus, this holy, good, merciful, and gracious Jesus, O how my soul is enamoured with Love towards him. O it cuts me to the heart, to think that this my dear Saviour, this precious Jesus, should stand so many years proffering of himself to me, and yet I would not accept of him upon his Gospel terms. Alas, time after time he has come to me by his spirit, and has stood knocking and calling at the door of my hard heart, whilst I have been busie in following of my Lust and pleasures, and



and yet I shut the door of my heart against him, and would not let him in. O how it grieves my very soul to think, that this my dear Jesus, that this my loving and precious Jesus should be smitten, buffeted, and nailed to the Cross, that he should endure such bitter pains, and give his precious blood to be shed for my sake, and yet that I should be so ungrateful, that by preferring a base Lust before him, trample his precious Blood under my feet, and despise all His proffers of Grace. O that ever I should be so mad as to abuse so kind, so loving, and so precious a Jesus, O where was my reason and understanding, I cannot but be ashamed of my self, that ever I should be so base as to grieve such a precious Jesus. O how dear is this precious Jesus to my soul, O how doth my heart burn in flames of love towards him, O holy Jesus, loving Jesus, sweet Jesus, precious Jesus, how sweet is the remembrance of thee unto my soul, I would not willingly offend this precious Jesus any more for the whole world; O how is my soul grieved to think that I cannot entertain this precious Jesus in such a clean pure heart as I desire to do. But as I was thus prising my pearl of great price, by and by came some of my old Companions in sin, and told me of such a merry meeting there was at such a place, and enticed me to go and drink a cup of wine with them, and be merry a while with them, and if I would follow them, that they would make me Heir of a great Estate,

Estate, and I shall be a favourit at Court, and I shall have all the pleasures my heart can desire.

Now do you think that I would part with my Pearl of great price so? No, I would never do it, Alas I would not part with my Pearl of great price to be Lord of *Ten Thousand* Worlds, and if I were sure to enjoy them a *Million* of Years; nay all the bewitching policy of all the powers of Hell, shall not make me lose my Pearl of great price. Then came some of my malicious Enemies, and told me, That if I would not part with my Pearl of great price, I must part with all that I have for it, even Liberty, Life and all. Now this I yielded to with all my heart, I freely sold all that I had, and so bought this Pearl of great price, I parted not only with my fleshly Lust, but likewise with all my earthly comforts, when they came to stand in competition with my precious Jesus, so that I denyed my self, I took up my Cross when it was laid in my way, I suffered joyfully the spoiling of my goods, with imprisonment; & at last for this pearl of great price, I parted chearfully with my very life, which was the dearest to me of all my earthly comforts, and yielded my body to the flame, nay and for the joy which I felt by the pearl of great price, made me to sing even in the very flames.

This is the first quarter, or part, of the Pearl of great price; which is the substance of the whole pearl, even precious Jesus, I will be as brief as possible in the other 3. or else I shall write too much for so small a Book.

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The second quarter or part of this pearl of great price, is called precious faith in precious Jesus, for having found the pearl of great price, I embraced it with both my Arms of Faith, and I accepted of it thankfully and joyfully upon Gospel Terms, tho' it was upon self-denying terms, *On my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth, I sought him but found him not, then I inquired of the Watch-men, and sought diligently for him, at last I found him whom my soul loveth, then I held him, and embraced him, and would not let him go, Cant. 3.* I parted cheerfully with all my earthly happiness, and trusted and relyed wholly upon him for my happiness in the world to come.

The third quarter or part of this pearl of great price, are the precious promises applied to the Soul, by the precious faith in precious Jesus, which are principally these. Namely pardon & forgiveness of all my sins, that they shall never be laid to my charge, the promise of my justification by Christ, and my sanctification by the spirit, and at last my freedom & deliverance from all my sins and misery, and that beyond the grave I shall have an inheritance, which shall never away, which is reserved in Heaven for me, where my sorrow shall be turned into joy, and my joy no man shall take from me. That is the fourth and last quarter or part of this pearl of great price, even that Eternal inheritance which is the end of those precious promises applied to the

the soul by precious Faith in precious Jesus.

And O how doth the consideration of these things sweeten all my troubles and sorrows here? and O how comfortable this was to me at the Hour of Death, that though now all my Earthly Comforts must leave me, yet that I have gotten the Pearl of great price, whereby I shall be delivered from God's wrath, and from Eternal Death and Damnation, and that I shall receive such a Treasure in Heaven, that shall never fade away, and after my body had lain sleeping a while in the dust it was at the Sound of the last trumpet at the glorious morning of the Resurrection by the virtue of this Pearl of great price, raised to life again, and then I was set amongst Christs sanctified ones, at his right hand, and heard that joyfull sentence pronounced unto me, come yea blessed of my Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the World, then I was received with joy and triumphs into the heaven of heavens, then I sat down to rest with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; then all tears was for ever wiped from my eyes; then all sorrow and sighing for ever fled away; and now I met all my godly friends and acquaintance, that went before me, and now I with them, and they with me, Sing psalms of praise and Allelujahs; to God and to the Lamb that sits upon the throne: O how it doth now ravish and rejoyce my heart, that I am now past all dangers for ever, both spiritual, temporal, and eternal; and that I shall be now for ever delighted, and feasted with all manner of divine pleasures, and especially these my Joys and pleasers, shall never know end.

O that every one of us may seek and find this pearl of great price, which the Lord of his mercy grant we may, &c. Amen.

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